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FOL REPEAT STATE 44999 TO LOURENCO MARQUES DAR ES SALAAM INFO LISBON
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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM - MOZAMBIQUE

REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 194; (B) STATE 9479

1. IN LIGHT HIGH COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS PARA 4 REF A, WE BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH RECEPTIVENESS OF FRELIMO LEADERSHIP WITH REGARD SUBJECT TEAM VISIT. INASMUCH AS CONGEN HAS APPROACHED MTG BY LETTER ON THIS SUBJECT, WE BELIEVE FOLLOW-UP IN DAR BY AMBASSADOR CARTER, FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO POST, COULD ELICIT DEFINITIVE RESPONSE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER TO EARLY VISIT OF TEAM.

THEREFORE, UNLESS CONGEN PERCEIVES OVERRIDING OBJECTION, DEPARTMENT WOULD PLAN AUTHORIZE EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM TO INFORM MACHEL THAT CONSISTENT WITH COMMITMENT MADE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM TO HIM WE HAD NOW CONSTITUTED AID TEAM (WHOSE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE INCLUDED PARAS 1-4 REF B) WHICH IS PREPARED DEPART FOR MOZAMBIQUE AT DATE SUITABLE TO FRELIMO.

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2. IN COURSE ABOVE DISCUSSION, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT ON EFFORTS TO DATE TO BE HELPFUL. UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT MACHEL BE INFORMED OF (A) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FFP OFFICER FOX TO MOZAMBIQUE TO LOOK INTO FAMINE SITUATION AND POSSIBLE FOOD REQUIREMENTS IN BEIRA AND TETE AREAS. AFTER CONGEN WALKER

ADVISED MTG OF FOX'S DATE OF ARRIVAL, CHISSANO AIDE, EMPHASIZE AIDE, ADVISED WALKER FOOD ASSISTANCE WAS NO LONGER NEEDED; (B) CONSIDERATION OF MOZAMBIKAN REQUEST FOR 16,000 MT. OF TITEL I WHEAT IN FY 1975 WAS UNDERWAY WHEN REPORT PUBLISHED THAT MOZAMBIQUE NO LONGER NEEDED WHEAT ASSISTANCE. WHEN CONGEN SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM MTG OF PUBLISHED REPORT AND MTG CONTINUED INTEREST IN WHEAT FROM US, CHISSANO AIDE, REPEAT AIDE, ADVISED THAT WHEAT ASSISTANCE WAS NO LONGER NEEDED; (C) EXIMBANK APPROVAL OF CREDIT FOR LOCOMOTIVES AND WILLINGNESS CONSIDER MODALITIES FOR FUTURE TRANSACTIONS; (D) OFFER OF TRAINING ASSISTANCE AND (E) LASTLY, US HAS STRONGLY URGED PORTUGAL TO SHARE OUR ASSISTANCE WITH ITS DEPENDENT AFRICAN TERRITORIES.

3. FOR DAR: ABOVE ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN UPON RECEIPT OF CONCURRENCE FROM LOURENCO MARQUES. KISSINGER UNQTE INGERSOLL

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